

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-47 without prejudice and enter the new claims as shown below. When the new claims have entered, please cancel claim 1.

In accordance with the Revised Rules under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please amend the claims as shown below. The claims shown below may be indicated as original, currently amended, previously amended, cancelled, withdrawn, previously added, new, reinstated, previously reinstated, re-presented or allowed. In accordance with the Rules, the text of cancelled or withdrawn claims need not be presented.

Claims 1-47 (cancelled)

48. (new) A flashlight comprising:

a light source;

a power source;

a body enclosing the light source and the power source;

a switch disposed adjacent the power source and operable to close a circuit including the light source and the power source; and

a clip extending from the body on an end of the body opposite the light source and having an opening defined by a clip extension and a clip lock, whereby a keyring can be attached to the clip, and wherein, upon exerting a force against the lock, the clip is opened to permit a keyring to be inserted into the opening within the clip, and wherein the extension further comprises an outer end adapted to engage and releasably interlock with an outer end of the lock.

49. (new) The flashlight as in claim 48 wherein the body further comprises a power source frame enclosing at least a portion of the light source and the power source and a power source frame housing enclosing the power source frame.

50. (new) The flashlight as in claim 48 wherein the clip extension further comprises a latch receptacle disposed on the outer end of the clip extension.

51. (new) The flashlight as in claim 50 wherein the lock further comprises a latch disposed on the outer end of the clip lock that is adapted to engage the latch receptacle of the clip extension.

52. (new) The flashlight as in claim 51 wherein the latch receptacle further comprises a receptacle hood that extends over the latch receptacle, to prevent overextension of the clip lock.

53. (new) A flashlight comprising:
a light source;
a power source;
a body enclosing at least a portion of the light source and the power source;
a switch disposed in the body adjacent the power source and operable to close a circuit including the light source and the power source; and
a keyring extension extending from the body having an opening whereby a keyring can be attached to the keyring extension and the keyring extension further includes a spring-biased keyring lock operatively connected to the power source frame wherein, upon exerting a force against the keyring lock, the keyring lock is opened to permit a keyring to be attached to the keyring extension and wherein the keyring extension further comprises an outer end adapted to engage and releasably interlock to an outer end of the keyring lock.

54. (new) The flashlight as in claim 53 wherein the keyring extension further comprises a latch receptacle disposed on the outer end of the keyring extension.

55. (new) The flashlight as in claim 54 wherein the keyring lock further comprises a latch disposed on the outer end of the keyring lock that is adapted to engage the latch receptacle of the keyring extension.

56. (new) The flashlight as in claim 55 wherein the latch receptacle further comprises a receptacle hood that extends over the latch receptacle, thus preventing overextension of the keyring lock.

57. (new) A flashlight comprising:
a light emitting diode having first and second leads extending therefrom;
a power source having a first side and a second side, the second side being opposite the first side;
a housing enclosing the leads of the light emitting diode and the power source;
a switch operable to close a circuit including the light source and the power source; and
a keyring extension extending from the housing having an opening whereby a keyring can be attached to the keyring extension; and
a keyring lock operatively connected to the housing wherein, upon exerting a force against the keyring lock, the keyring lock is opened to permit a keyring to be attached to the keyring extension and wherein the keyring extension further comprises an outer end adapted to engage and releasably interlock with an outer end of the keyring lock.

58. (new) The flashlight as in claim 57 wherein the keyring lock further comprises a pivotal connection with a power source frame.

59. (new) The flashlight as in claim 58 wherein the keyring lock further comprises a spring disposed between the power source frame and keyring lock that biases the keyring lock into a closed position.

60. (new) The flashlight as in claim 59 wherein the power source frame and keyring lock further comprises a respective hub adapted to secure the spring in an operable position between the power source frame and keyring lock.

61. (new) The flashlight as in claim 57 wherein the keyring extension further comprises a latch receptacle disposed on the outer end of the keyring extension.

62. (new) The flashlight as in claim 61 wherein the keyring lock further comprises a latch disposed on the outer end of the keyring lock that is adapted to engage the latch receptacle of the keyring extension.

63. (new) The flashlight as in claim 62 wherein the latch receptacle further comprises a receptacle hood that extends over the latch receptacle, thus preventing overextension of the keyring lock.